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1. A further step in the Austrian Socialist Party's efforts to regain a leading position in international labor circles is the future conclave of Danubian Socialist Parties in Prague. The date has not yet been announced. (Comment: See Para. 6, reported plans for a meeting of Austrian, Czechoslovak, Hungarian, Yugoslav, Romanian, and Bulgarian Socialists in Prague sometime in November or December 1946.)

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2. State Secretary Franz Rauscher recently returned from Prague, where he discussed with Czechoslovak Government officials means of synchronizing the efforts of Czechoslovakia and Austria to nationalize industries in order to avoid unnecessary competition and misguided investments.

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3. At the Austrian Socialist Party convention to be held at Vienna on 15-17 November 1946, the leaders expect to retain a hold on the party. (Comment: See Para. 5, for expectation of a crisis within the party at this convention.) General Julius Deutsch is now working out resolutions for presentation at this convention, including the following:

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- a. Criticism of Minister of the Interior Oskar Moller's failure to keep "Austro-Fascists" out of the police force. (Comment: See Para. 5.)
- b. The Government's indulgence in pushing the nationalization law. However, Rauscher is not to be attacked personally.
- c. The drafting of Karl Waldbrunner either for the position of party spokesman on economic matters or for president of the Austrian State Railways. (Comment: See Para. 3, reported that Waldbrunner would resign as envoy to Moscow and might be employed in coordinating economic affairs for the Socialist Party.)

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- d. The possible removal of Minister of Food Dr. Hans Frenzel. As a result of the recent increase in rations, this is now feasible without too much loss of face for Frenzel. (Comment: Frenzel's impending removal was stemmed at the last minute by the trade unions, whose man he is.) (Washington Comment: See

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[REDACTED] on the question of Frenzel's resignation.)

4. Attending the convention in Vienna, besides representatives of Czechoslovakia, Sweden, and Hungary, will be Morgan Phillips, Secretary of the British Labour Party, and Daniel Mayer, former Secretary General of the French Socialist Party.

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